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SUBJ: UNESCO MEETING FOR PREPARATION OF DRAFT DECLARATION

OF RACE & RACIAL PREJUDICE AND "ZIONISM-RACISM"

EQUATION (JAN. 26-30, 1976, PARIS): ANALYSIS,

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. THERE CAN BE ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION OF UNITED STATES
PARTICIPATION IN THE UNESCO COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A
DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE. THIS MEETING
IS IN FACT IN SUPPORT OF THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION. THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLARED IT WILL
NOT PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

2. THE MEETING SHOULD NOT BE POSTPONED: IT SHOULD BE
CANCELLED. IN ANY EVENT WE SHOULD NOT ATTEND. THE UNITED
STATES SHOULD MAKE THE UTMOST EFFORT TO PERSUADE FRIENDLY
NATIONS ALSO TO URGE CANCELLATION AND, FAILING THAT, NOT
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TO ATTEND, AND MAKE CLEAR WHY.

3. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE BROUGHT IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY. IF THIS IS NOT DONE I WISH TO BE INFORMED. THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE TOLD OF MY VIEW THAT THIS IS ONLY THE MOST RECENT INSTANCE OF THE ENDLESS DIFFICULTIES WE SHALL FACE UNTIL A GENERAL POLICY IS ADOPTED FOR DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. THIS MISSION HAS REPEATEDLY URGED THAT THIS BE DONE. FOR THOSE WHO EVIDENTLY FIND THE CONCEPT HARD TO GRASP, THIS ADOPTION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC CASES IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS MAKING FOREIGN POLICY.

4. THE SECRETARY WILL ALSO WANT HIS ATTENTION DRAWN TO PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN OF THE CABLE FROM PARIS. QTE: EMPHASIS ON DEMARCHES WOULD BE ON OUR CONCERN FOR INSURING CONTINUED U.S. INPUT AND LEADERSHIP ROLE IN UNESCO RATHER THAN SOLELY CONCERN FOR THIRD PARTY INTERESTS. END QTE. THE SECRETARY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE GOOD REPUTE OF FIVE MILLION AMERICAN JEWS, ACCUSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF A HIDEOUS CRIME, IS A MATTER OF "THIRD PARTY CONCERN".

5. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD VERY MUCH HOPE THAT NO ONE IN THE WHITE HOUSE HAS READ THAT CABLE. THE PRESIDENT WOULD FIND IT INEXPLICABLE.

6. THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO WISH TO ASK JUST HOW IT HAS GOT ITSELF IN THE FRAME OF MIND WHICH EXPRESSES SUCH TENDER ANXIOUSNESS TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION ON MATTERS OF THE UTMOST MORAL SERIOUSNESS BECAUSE SUCH MIGHT LEAD TO OUR WALKING OUT OF A CONFERENCE AND BEING FOLLOWED "WITH RESULTANT MEDIA SENSATIONALISM". SAKI -- WHERE ARE YOU NOW THAT WE NEED YOU?

7. IN CASE THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON, WHAT IS GOING ON IS A CAREFULLY STAGED EFFORT BY THE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL TO DEVALUE THAT SOCIETY IN AMERICAN OPINION SO THAT AMERICAN OPINION WILL FIND IT EASIER FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TO CEASE TO UPHOLD ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS IN THE PAST BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED OF SHOCKING THINGS. IN GOD'S NAME CAN WE NOT HAVE THE WIT TO REALIZE THAT SOMETHING TRULY SHOCKING IS INSINUATING ITSELF AND THAT WE MUST BE UTTERLY CONCERNED LEST THE DAY COME WHEN WE WILL BE ACCUSED AND WE WILL NOT BE INNOCENT. MOYNIHAN UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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